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1. CHINA: Li finds Communist terms not acceptable--Acting President Li has informed the US, British, French, and Australian Ambassadors in Nanking of the Communist peace terms, which amount to unconditional surrender. According to Li, the Communists demanded that reply be made to these terms by 20 April, but he has answered that the difficulties of reaching the various members of the Nationalist Government will require more time, though not beyond 23 April. Li told the Ambassadors that he felt certain the terms would not be acceptable to his Government and that he is now convinced no peaceful settlement can be reached with the Communists. Following Li's request for advice from the Ambassadors, the British Ambassador expressed the sentiment of the group that nothing could be done to aid the Chinese in settling what is essentially a Chinese problem. Stuart believes that despite the non-committal stand by the Ambassadors the National Government will not accept the Communist terms.

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